REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 10 and 25 are in the application.

The only rejection in the case is the rejection of claims 1, 2, 10 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Radice et al. ('471) in view of Atkinson et al. ('514). Claim 26 is not rejected. The examiner has not entered Applicant's amendment of January 19, 2005. Rather than appealing the claims, Applicants will file a continuation to further present arguments to distinguish the teachings of Radice et al. The claims have now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 26. This amendment was not earlier presented since Applicants in good faith previously argued that the present application supported claims reciting an exogenously produced extracellular matrix. Now that Applicants will further argue their position in a continuation, an amendment incorporating the subject matter of claim 26 is presented.

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that this amendment should be entered and that this application be passed to issuance.

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